UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Cultivation of food in the Thovala taluk.

1. MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU *(Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli)* : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have allotted 1,500 acres in the Thovala taluk for cultivation of food ;

(b) what is the nature of the land allotted ;

(c) what are the kinds of food crops expected to be grown there ;

(d) what are the terms of the grant ; and

(e) whether the Government have taken any similar steps in Central and North Travancore ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : *(a)* Yes, the area allotted is 22,802 acres 38 cents.

(b) Mala poramboke, Forest Reserves and sites ear-marked for registry to the Backward communities.

(c) Tapioca and other root crops, bananas etc.

(d) The usual conditions of the Kuthagapattom grant, the period of lease being three years.

(e) Instructions have been issued to the Division Peishkars concerned to arrange for all available lands where single or double crops of paddy or tapioca or other food crops could be raised, being leased out to bona fide cultivators on favourable terms for a period of 3 years with a view to bringing such lands under food crops.

Agricultural Labour.

2. MR. KADAKAVOOR P. MADHAVAN *(Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad)*: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that there is an increase in the cost of agricultural labour in the State ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Yes.

Political Reforms.

3. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC *(Vaikom* cum *Kottayam)* : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the proposed political reforms would take shape during the course of the year 1122 ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Most probably, yes.

Shortage of food-grains etc.

4. MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a possibility of shortage in the food-grains, sugar and kerosene in the transportation, stocking and distribution ;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative the percentage of shortage allowed in the Government godowns, stockists, authorised wholesale and retail merchants ;

(c) whether there is any rule to allow shortage;

(d) if the answer to part (c) is in the negative, whether there are instructions to the supervising authorities to allow reasonable shortage ;

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